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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSSON ON CAMBODIA

REF: STOCKHOLM 2306

1. FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSSON ANSWERED AN INTERPELLATION IN PARLIAMENT MAY 15 REGARDING THE SITUATION OF THE SWEDES WHO REMAINED IN CAMBODIA FOLLOWING THE FALL OF PHNOM PENH APRIL 16. AS SECRETARY GENERAL SVERKER ASTROM HAD ASSURED THE AMBASSADOR, THE FOREIGN MINISTER MADE NO STATEMENTS WHICH COULD GIVE OFFENSE TO US AND, IN FACT, HE DID NOT COMMENT ON INCIDENT INVOLVING U.S. MERCHANT SHIP MAYAGUEZ.

2. ACCORDING TO MFA PRESS STATEMENT, ANDERSSON CENTERED HIS REMARKS ON FATE OF FIVE SWEDES WHO HAD CHOSEN TO REMAIN IN PHNOM PENH WHEN IT WAS THREATENED BY CAPTURE. ALL FIVE HAD SOUGHT REFUGE AT FRENCH EMBASSY, WHERE THEY REMAINED UNTIL EVACUATION BEGAN APRIL 29. ACCRODING TO ANDERSSON, DURING THIS PERIOD GOS HAD SOUGHT

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"REPEATEDLY" TO OBTAIN "IMMEDIATE" EVACUATION OF THE

SWEDES THROUGH CONTACTS WITH THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY,  
AND THE GRUNK REPRESENTATIVES IN PAIRS, HANOI AND PEKING.

3. IN ADDITION TO ANDERSSON' STATEMENT CONTAINED IN  
MFA PRESS RELEASE, STOCKHOLM DAILY SVENSKA DAGBLADET  
(CONSERVATIVE) REPORTS THAT IN DISCUSSION FOLLOWING HIS  
STATEMENT, FOREIGN MINISTER DESCRIBED REPORTS FROM  
CAMBODIA AS PAINTING A "FRIGHTENING PICTURE" AND SAID  
THAT GOS IS "DEEPLY CONCERNED" BY EVENTS IN THAT  
COUNTRY. ANDERSSON REPORTEDLY ADDED THAT SWEDISH  
PUBLIC OPINION "CAN NOT UNDERSTAND THE MASSIVE MOVEMENT  
OF PEOPLE WHICH THE CAMBODIAN REGIME HAS MADE,"  
WHICH THE FOREIGN MINISTER LABELED AS BEING "AGAINST  
BASIC HUMANITARIAN PRINCIPLES. \*FOREIGN MINISTRY  
OFFICIAL WHO WAS PRESENT SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMED TO  
EMBASSY THAT SVENSKA DAGBLADET VERSION OF ANDERSSONS  
REMARKS WAS CORRECT.

4. COMMENT: ANDERSSONS STATEMENT ON CAMBODIA  
CONSTITUTES THE FIRST CRITICISM BY A HIGH-RANKING  
SWEDISH OFFICIAL OF THE NEW REGIMES IN INDOCHINA AND  
INDEED REPRESENTS A SIGNIFICANT DEPARTURE FROM THE  
LONG-HELD GOS STANCE OF INVARIABLY CONDONING ACTIONS OF THE  
COMMUNIST FORCES IN THE AREA.  
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